

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
PROCLAMATION

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME — GREETINGS:

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER CREATING THE DAISY GATSON BATES HOLIDAY COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, Daisy Gatson Bates helped facilitate one of the defining moments in our state's history with her heroism and bravery in the face of angry mobs, death threats, and financial uncertainty; and

WHEREAS, Daisy Gatson Bates, was a woman of strength who was willing to sacrifice all that she had for the benefit of others and whose character helped to lay the foundation for the doors of equality to be opened to those whom it had never been opened before; and

WHEREAS, Daisy Gatson Bates was truly representative of all Arkansans with her strong values of dignity, courage, and respect; and

WHEREAS, Act 304 of 2001 established Daisy Gatson Bates Day as an official state holiday to be celebrated on the third Monday of February, beginning 2002;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mike Huckabee, Governor of the State of Arkansas, acting under the authority vested in me, do hereby order and commission the following:

There is hereby created the Daisy Gatson Bates Holiday Committee ("the Committee") which will be comprised of 25 members, who have demonstrated the values of Daisy Gatson Bates, and will act in good faith to establish a holiday celebration that is worthy of a woman such as Mrs. Bates. Each member will be chosen at the will of the Governor and will serve a term of three years. The first term of said members is to be determined by the drawing of lots. The Governor will appoint one of the members to head the Committee as its chairperson. The Committee shall meet at least quarterly to develop and supervise an annual holiday celebration to honor the life, legacy, and teachings of Daisy Gatson Bates. The Committee, if so inclined, may host events, lectures, seminars or conferences during the year to share the legacy of Mrs. Bates with the citizens of Arkansas. The Committee is authorized, in accordance with Arkansas Code, to apply for and receive such Federal, State, and other grant funds as may be available, including but not limited to private donations and public appropriations. The Committee shall account for such funds in its annual report to the Governor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed at the Capitol in Little Rock on this 14th day of February in the year of our Lord, two thousand and two.

GOVERNOR MIKE HUCKABEE

SECRETARY OF STATE SHARON PRIEST

